

**REMARKS**

Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 7, 10-13, and 17 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,597,299 to Jon in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,096,414 to Zellweger. In addition, claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 14 and 15 were objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims, but Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claims.

Accordingly, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 4, 7, 10-13, and 17. Applicant has rewritten certain of the remaining claims as suggested by Examiner. Specifically, claims 2 and 3 have been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claim 1. Claims 5 and 8 were not amended because they depend on claim 2, which has been rewritten in independent form. Likewise, claims 6 and 9 were not amended because they depend on claim 3, which has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 14 and 15 have been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claim 13.

Examiner did not reject or object to claim 16. Like claims 14 and 15, claim 16 is dependent from claim 13. Applicant has amended claim 16 in the same manner as claims 14 and 15, by rewriting claim 16 in independent form to include all the limitations of claim 13.

**CONCLUSION**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his position in view of the amendments and remarks made herein. It is believed that claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 14 and 15 have been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

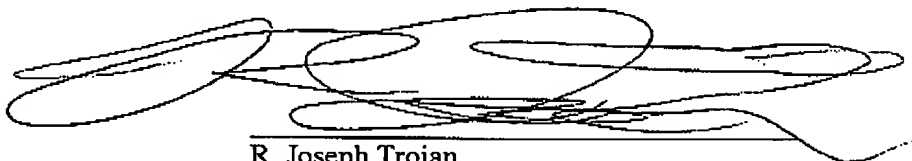
If the Examiner believes that a telephone or other conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the present application, enabling an Examiner's amendment or other meaningful discussion of the case, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at (310) 777-8399.

If any additional fees are required as a result of this amendment, or any credit needs to be made for overpayment of fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 500703.

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